STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE

Re: Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireless Networks

Today, we continue down the path of deregulation as we move forward to ensure that the benefits of the new Digital Age accrue to all Americans. Specifically, we eliminate some of the regulatory requirements and uncertainties regarding wireless broadband services by classifying it as an "information service." The broadband Internet access market today is characterized by multiple platforms that are vigorously competing for customers. In prior proceedings, the Commission has classified cable, wireline, and BPL-enabled Internet access as information services. I am pleased that we do so in a technology-neutral manner that provides wireless broadband Internet access services a level playing field with other Internet access services.